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MWA-105 Wireless LAN Access Point

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Terminology

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AP	Access Point
CCK	Complementary Code Keying
CSMA/CA	Carrier Sense Multiple Access/ Collision Avoidance
CSMA/CD	Carrier Sense Multiple Access/ Collision Detection
DHCP	Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol
DSSS	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum
EAP	Extensible Authentication Protocol
ESP	Encapsulating Security Payload
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
IP	Internet Protocol
ISM	Industrial, Scientific and Medical
LAN	Local Area Network
MAC	Media Access Control
NT	Network Termination
PSD	Power Spectral Density
RF	Radio Frequency
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio
SSID	Service Set Identification
TCP	Transmission Control Protocol
TFTP	Trivial File Transfer Protocol
TKIP	Temporal Key Integrity Protocol
WDS	Wireless Distribution System
WEP	Wired Equivalent Privacy
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network
WPA	Wi-Fi Protected Access

1 Introduction

The MWA-105 Wireless LAN Access Point is an affordable IEEE 802.11b/g wireless LAN Access Point solution; setting SOHO and enterprise standard for high performance, secure, manageable and reliable WLAN.

This document describes the steps required for the initial IP address assign and other WLAN router configuration. The description includes the implementation of the above steps.

1.1 Package contents

The package of the WLAN Access Point includes the following items,

- ✓ The WLAN Access Point
- ✓ The AC to DC power adapter
- ✓ The Documentation CD

1.2 Product Specifications

Product Name	MWA-105 WLAN Access Point
Standard	802.11b/g(Wireless), 802.3(10BaseT), 802.3u(100BaseT)
Data Transfer Rate	54Mbps(Wireless), 100Mbps(Ethernet)
Modulation Method	CCK(802.11b), OFDM(802.11g)
Frequency Band	2.4GHz – 2.497GJz ISM Band, DSSS
RF Output Power	CCK< 17 dBm, OFDM< 13.5 dBm
Receiver Sensitivity	802.11b -80 dBm@8%, 802.11g -68 dBm@5%
Operation Range	30 to 280 meters (depend on surrounding)
Antenna	External Antenna
LED	Power, Active (WLAN/Ethernet)
Security	64 bit/ 128 bit WEP, WPA, WPA2
LAN interface	One 10/100BaseT with RJ45 connector
Power Consumption	7.5V DC Power Adapter
Operating Temperature	0 ~ 50^{o}C ambient temperature
Storage Temperature	-20 ~ 70^{o}C ambient temperature
Humidity	5 to 90 % maximum (non-condensing)
Dimension	118 x 75 x 25 mm

1.3 Product Features

- Complies with IEEE 802.11b/g standard for 2.4GHz Wireless LAN.
- Supports multi-operation (bridge/WISP) modes between wireless and wired Ethernet interfaces
- Supports AP/Client/WDS/AP+WDS modes on wireless interfaces.
- Supports 64-bit and 128-bit WEP, WPA, WPA2 encryption/decryption function to protect the wireless data transmission.
- Supports IEEE 802.1x Authentication.
- Support Wi-Fi Protected Access Authentication with Radius and Pre-Shared Key mode.
- Supports Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP).
- Supports Wireless Distribution System (WDS).
- Supports IEEE 802.3x full duplex flow control on 10/100M Ethernet interface.
- Supports DHCP server to provide clients auto IP addresses assignment.
- Supports DHCP client auto IP address assignment from ISP.
- Supports DHCP client for WAN interface in WISP mode auto IP address assignment from ISP.
- Supports PPPoE on WAN interface in WISP mode.
- Supports PPTP Client on WAN interface in WISP.
- Supports clone MAC address function.
- Supports WEB based management and configuration.
- Supports Log table and remote Log service.
- Support Setup Wizard mode.

1.4 Upper Panel Description

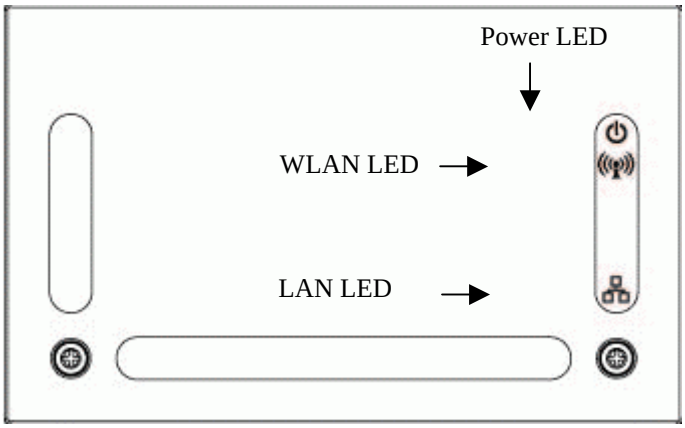

Figure 1 –WLAN Access Point Upper Panel

LED Indicator	State	Description
1. Power LED	On	The WLAN Access Point is powered on.
	Off	The WLAN Access Point is powered off.
2. WLAN LED	Flashing	Data is transmitting or receiving on the antenna.
	Off	No data is transmitting or receiving on the antenna.
3. LAN LED ACT	Flashing	Data is transmitting or receiving on the LAN interface.
	On	Port linked.
	Off	No link.

1.5 Rear Panel Description

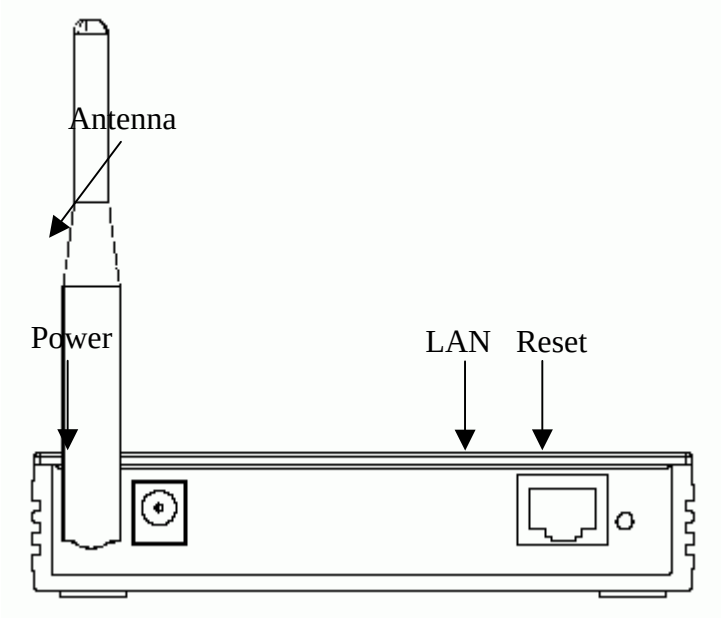

Figure 2 – WLAN Access Point Rear Panel

Interfaces	Description
1. Antenna (Fixed / SMA)	The Wireless LAN Antenna.
2. Power	The power jack allows an external DC +7.5 V power supply connection. The external AC to DC adaptor provide adaptive power requirement to the WLAN Access Point.
3. LAN	The RJ-45 sockets allow LAN connection through Category 5 cables. Support auto-sensing on 10/100M speed and half/ full duplex; comply with IEEE 802.3/ 802.3u respectively.
4. Reset	Push continually the reset button 5 ~ 10 seconds to reset the configuration parameters to factory defaults.

2 Installation

2.1 Hardware Installation

Step 1: Place the Wireless LAN Access Point to the best optimum transmission location. The best transmission location for your WLAN Access Point is usually at the geographic center of your wireless network, with line of sign to all of your mobile stations.

Step 2: Connect the WLAN Access Point to your wired network. Connect the Ethernet LAN interface of WLAN Access Point by category 5 Ethernet cable to your switch/ hub/ xDSL modem or cable modem. A straight-through Ethernet cable with appropriate cable length is needed.

Step 3: Supply DC power to the WLAN Access Point. Use only the AC/DC power adapter supplied with the WLAN Access Point; it may occur damage by using a different type of power adapter.

The hardware installation finished.

2.2 Software Installation

- There are no software drivers, patches or utilities installation needed, but only the configuration setting. Please refer to chapter 3 for software configuration.

Notice: It will take about 55 seconds to complete the boot up sequence after powered on the WLAN Access Point; Power LED will be active, and after that the WLAN Activity LED will be flashing to show the WLAN interface is enabled and working now.

3 Software configuration

There are web based management and configuration functions allowing you to have the jobs done easily.

The WLAN Access Point is delivered with the following factory default parameters on the Ethernet LAN interfaces.

Default IP Address**:** ***192.168.1.254***
Default IP subnet mask**:** ***255.255.255.0***
WEB login User Name**:** <***empty***>
WEB login Password**:** <***empty***>

3.1 Prepare your PC to configure the WLAN Access Point

For OS of Microsoft Windows 95/ 98/ Me:

1. Click the ***Start*** button and select ***Settings***, then click ***Control Panel***. The ***Control Panel*** window will appear.
   Note: Windows Me users may not see the Network control panel. If so, *select* **View all Control Panel options** on the left side of the window
2. Move mouse and double-click the right button on ***Network*** icon. The ***Network*** window will appear.
3. Check the installed list of ***Network Components***. If TCP/IP is not installed, click the ***Add*** button to install it; otherwise go to step 6.
4. Select ***Protocol*** in the ***Network Component Type*** dialog box and click ***Add*** button.
5. Select ***TCP/IP*** in ***Microsoft*** of ***Select Network Protocol*** dialog box then click OK button to install the TCP/IP protocol, it may need the Microsoft Windows CD to complete the installation. Close and go back to ***Network*** dialog box after the TCP/IP installation.
6. Select ***TCP/IP*** and click the ***properties*** button on the ***Network*** dialog box.
7. Select ***Specify an IP address*** and type in values as following example.
   - ✓ IP Address: **192.168.1.1**, any IP address within 192.168.1.1 to 192.168.1.253 is good to connect the Wireless LAN Access Point.
   - ✓ IP Subnet Mask: **255.255.255.0**
8. Click OK and reboot your PC after completes the IP parameters setting.

For OS of Microsoft Windows 2000, XP:

1. Click the ***Start*** button and select ***Settings***, then click ***Control Panel***. The ***Control Panel*** window will appear.
2. Move mouse and double-click the right button on ***Network and Dial-up Connections*** icon. Move

mouse and double-click the ***Local Area Connection*** icon. The ***Local Area Connection*** window will appear. Click ***Properties*** button in the ***Local Area Connection*** window.

3. Check the installed list of ***Network Components***. If TCP/IP is not installed, click the ***Add*** button to install it; otherwise go to step 6.
4. Select ***Protocol*** in the ***Network Component Type*** dialog box and click ***Add*** button.
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   - ✓ IP Subnet Mask: **255.255.255.0**
8. Click OK to completes the IP parameters setting.

For OS of Microsoft Windows NT:

1. Click the ***Start*** button and select ***Settings***, then click ***Control Panel***. The ***Control Panel*** window will appear.
2. Move mouse and double-click the right button on ***Network*** icon. The ***Network*** window will appear. Click ***Protocol*** tab from the ***Network*** window.
3. Check the installed list of ***Network Protocol*** window. If TCP/IP is not installed, click the ***Add*** button to install it; otherwise go to step 6.
4. Select ***Protocol*** in the ***Network Component Type*** dialog box and click ***Add*** button.
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   - ✓ IP Subnet Mask: **255.255.255.0**
8. Click OK to complete the IP parameters setting.

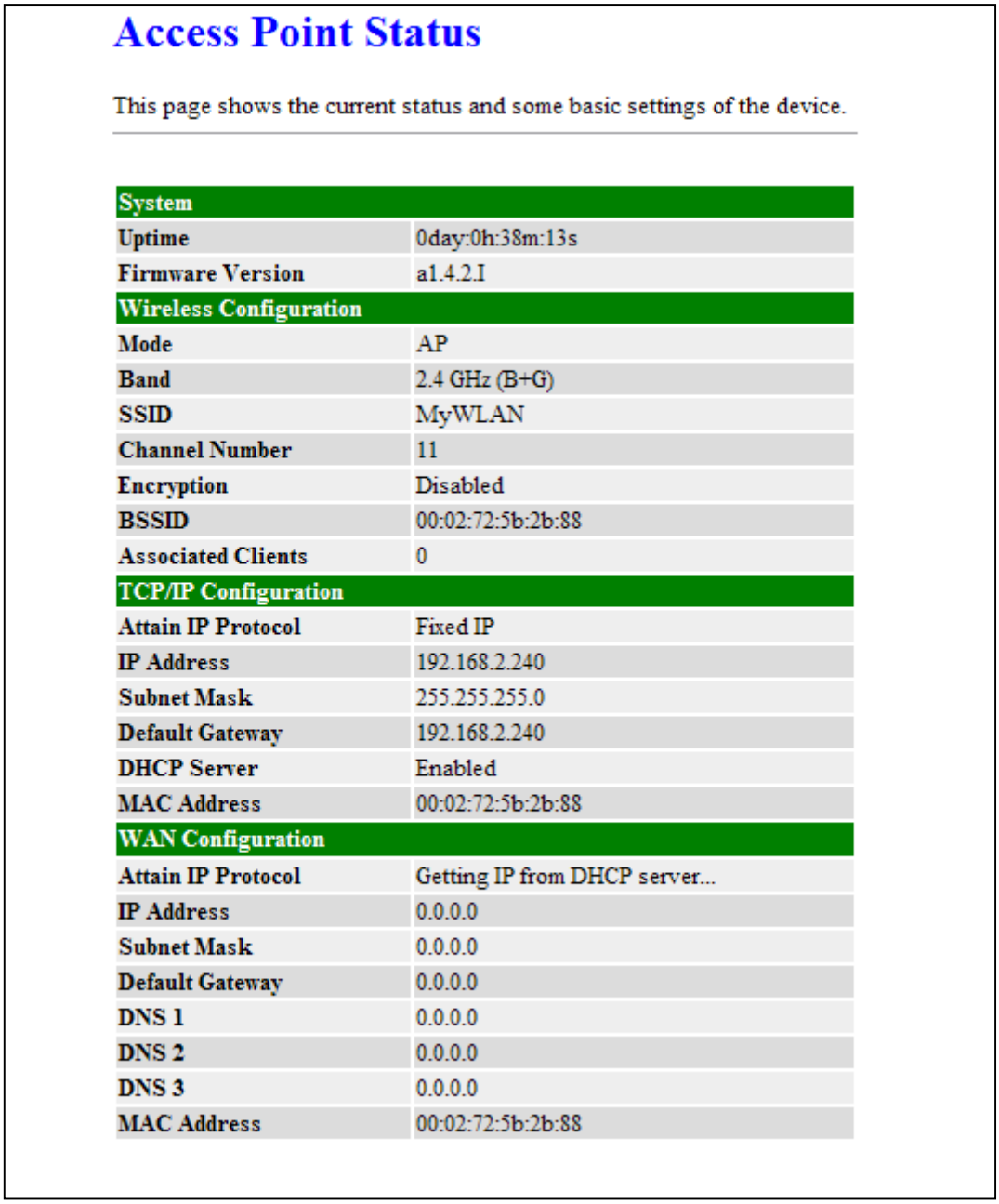
3.2 Connect to the WLAN Access Point

Open a WEB browser, i.e. Microsoft Internet Explore, then enter 192.168.1.254 on the URL to connect the WLAN Access Point.

3.3 Management and configuration on the WLAN Access Point

3.3.1 Status

This page shows the current status and some basic settings of the device, includes system,



Access Point Status

This page shows the current status and some basic settings of the device.

System	
Uptime	0day:0h:38m:13s
Firmware Version	a1.4.2.I
Wireless Configuration	
Mode	AP
Band	2.4 GHz (B+G)
SSID	MyWLAN
Channel Number	11
Encryption	Disabled
BSSID	00:02:72:5b:2b:88
Associated Clients	0
TCP/IP Configuration	
Attain IP Protocol	Fixed IP
IP Address	192.168.2.240
Subnet Mask	255.255.255.0
Default Gateway	192.168.2.240
DHCP Server	Enabled
MAC Address	00:02:72:5b:2b:88
WAN Configuration	
Attain IP Protocol	Getting IP from DHCP server...
IP Address	0.0.0.0
Subnet Mask	0.0.0.0
Default Gateway	0.0.0.0
DNS 1	0.0.0.0
DNS 2	0.0.0.0
DNS 3	0.0.0.0
MAC Address	00:02:72:5b:2b:88

wireless, and Ethernet LAN configuration information.

Screen snapshot – Status

Item	Description

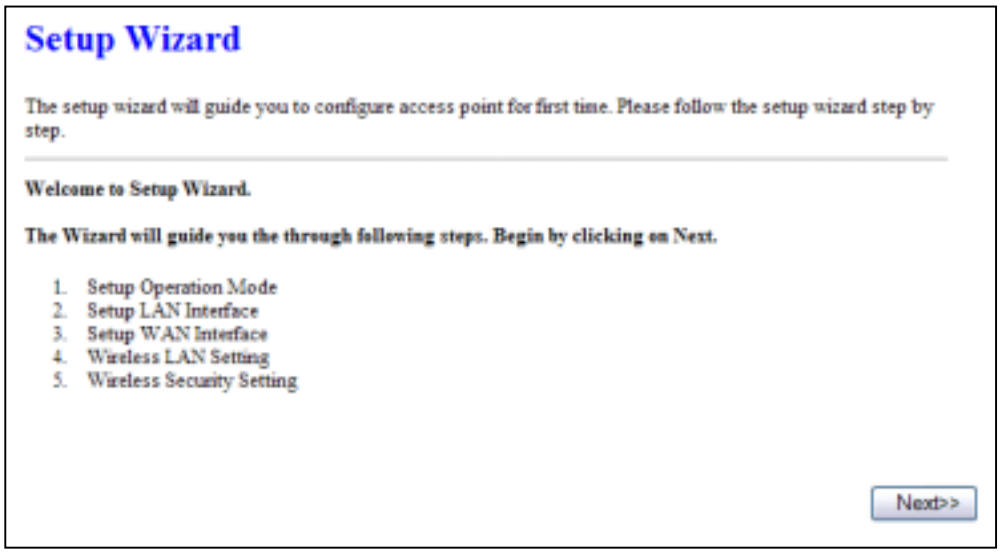
System	
Uptime	It shows the duration since WLAN Access Point is powered on.
Firmware version	It shows the firmware version of WLAN Access Point.

Wireless configuration	
Mode	It shows wireless operation mode
Band	It shows the current wireless operating frequency.
SSID	It shows the SSID of this WLAN Access Point. The SSID is the unique name of WLAN Access Point and shared among its service area, so all devices attempts to join the same wireless network can identify it.
Channel Number	It shows the wireless channel connected currently.
Encryption	It shows the status of encryption function.
Associated Clients	It shows the number of connected clients (or stations, PCs).
BSSID	It shows the BSSID address of the WLAN Access Point. BSSID is a six-byte address.
Associated Clients	It shows total numbers of WLAN clients connected,
TCP/IP Configuration	
Attain IP Protocol	It shows how the WLAN Access Point gets the IP address. The IP address can be set manually to a fixed one or set dynamically by DHCP server.
IP Address	It shows the IP address of WAN interface of WLAN Access Point.
Subnet Mask	It shows the IP subnet mask of LAN interface of WLAN Access Point.
Default Gateway	It shows the default gateway setting for outgoing data packets.
MAC Address	It shows the MAC address of WLAN Access Point.
WAN configuration	
Attain IP Protocol	It shows how the WLAN Broadband Router gets the IP address. The IP address can be set manually to a fixed one or set dynamically by DHCP server or attain IP by PPPoE / PPTP connection.

IP Address	It shows the IP address of WAN interface of WLAN Broadband Router.
Subnet Mask	It shows the IP subnet mask of WAN interface of WLAN Broadband Router.
Default Gateway	It shows the default gateway setting for WAN interface outgoing data packets.
DNS1 / DNS2 / DNS3	It shows the DNS server information
MAC Address	It shows the MAC address of WAN interface of WLAN Broadband Router.

3.3.2 Setup Wizard

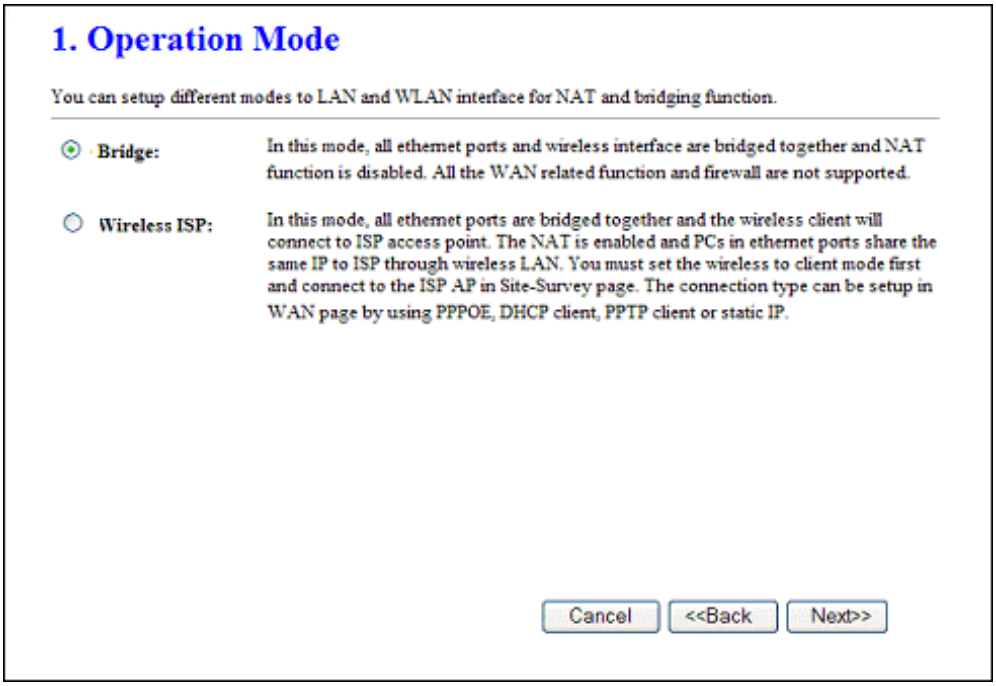
This page guides you to configure wireless Access Point for first time


Setup Wizard
The setup wizard will guide you to configure access point for first time. Please follow the setup wizard step by step.
Welcome to Setup Wizard.
The Wizard will guide you the through following steps. Begin by clicking on Next.
1. Setup Operation Mode
2. Setup LAN Interface
3. Setup WAN Interface
4. Wireless LAN Setting
5. Wireless Security Setting
Next>>

Screen snapshot – Setup Wizard

I Operation Mode

This page followed by Setup Wizard page to define the operation mode.


1. Operation Mode
You can setup different modes to LAN and WLAN interface for NAT and bridging function.
Bridge:
In this mode, all ethernet ports and wireless interface are bridged together and NAT function is disabled. All the WAN related function and firewall are not supported.
Wireless ISP:
In this mode, all ethernet ports are bridged together and the wireless client will connect to ISP access point. The NAT is enabled and PCs in ethernet ports share the same IP to ISP through wireless LAN. You must set the wireless to client mode first and connect to the ISP AP in Site-Survey page. The connection type can be setup in WAN page by using PPPOE, DHCP client, PPTP client or static IP.
Cancel
<<Back
Next>>

Screen snapshot – Operation Mode

II LAN Interface Setup

This page is used to configure local area network IP address and subnet mask

2. LAN Interface Setup
This page is used to configure the parameters for local area network which connects to the LAN port of your Access Point. Here you may change the setting for IP addresss, subnet mask, DHCP, etc..
IP Address:
192.168.1.254
Subnet Mask:
255.255.255.0
Cancel
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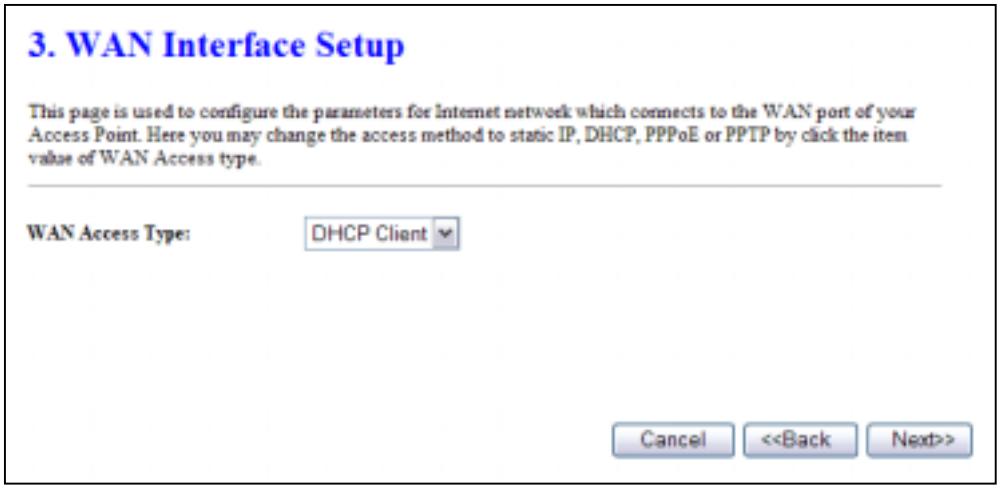
Screen snapshot – LAN Interface Setup

III WAN Interface Setup

This page is used to configure basic wireless parameters like Band, Mode, Network Type SSID, Channel Number, Enable Mac Clone(Single Ethernet Client)


3. WAN Interface Setup
This page is used to configure the parameters for Internet network which connects to the WAN port of your Access Point. Here you may change the access method to static IP, DHCP, PPPoE or PPTP by click the item value of WAN Access type.
WAN Access Type:
DHCP Client
Cancel
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Next>>

Screen snapshot – Wireless Basic Settings

IV Wireless Basic Settings

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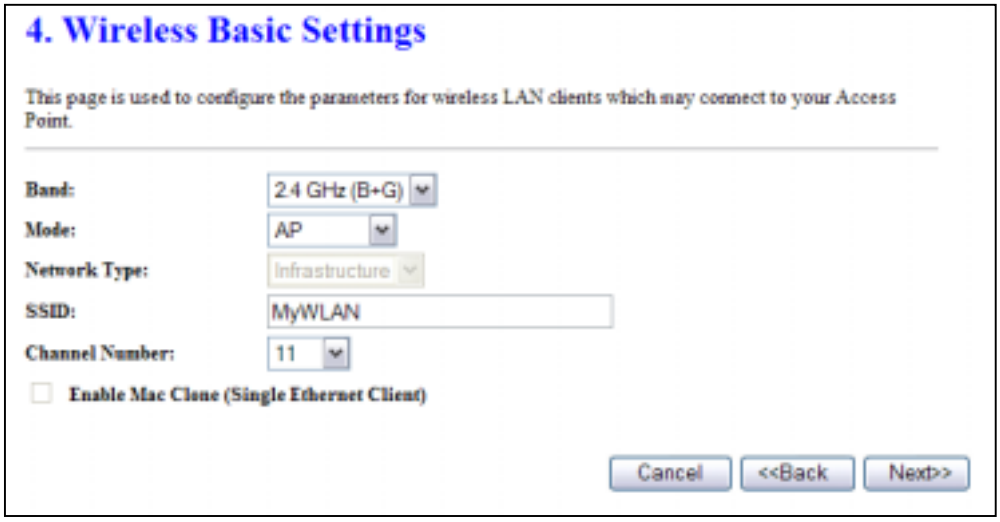


Screen snapshot – Wireless Basic Settings

V Wireless Security Setup

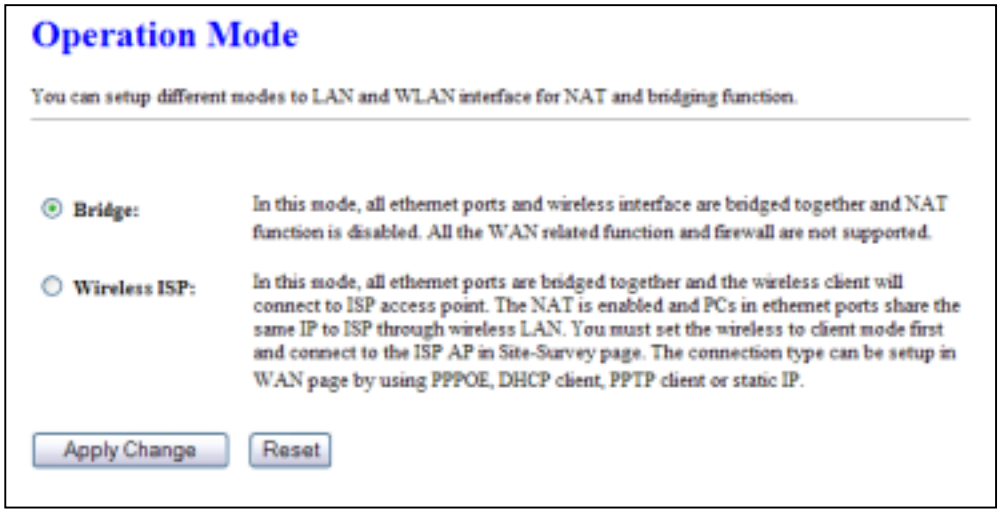
This page is used to configure wireless security

5. Wireless Security Setup
This page allows you setup the wireless security. Turn on WEP or WPA by using Encryption Keys could prevent any unauthorized access to your wireless network.
Encryption:
None
Cancel
<<Back
Finished

Screen snapshot – Wireless Security Setup

3.3.3 Operation Mode

This page is used to configure which mode wireless broadband router acts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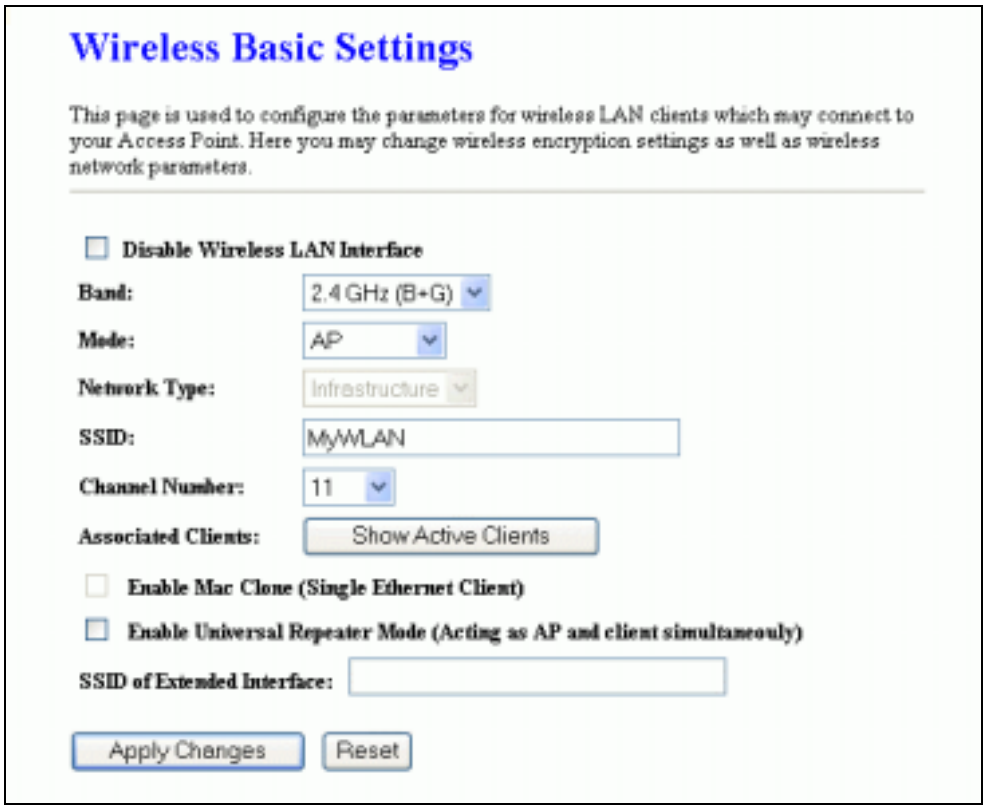
Apply Change
Reset

Screen snapshot – Operation Mode

Item	Description
Bridge	Each interface (LAN, WAN and Wireless) regards as bridge. NAT, Firewall and all router's functions are not supported
Wireless ISP	Switch Wireless interface to WAN port and all Ethernet ports in bridge mode. Wireless interface can do all router's functions
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.4 Wireless - Basic Settings

This page is used to configure the parameters for wireless LAN clients that may connect to your Access Point. Here you may change wireless encryption settings as well as wireless network parameters.


Wireless Basic Settings
This page is used to configure the parameters for wireless LAN clients which may connect to your Access Point. Here you may change wireless encryption settings as well as wireless network parameters.
Disable Wireless LAN Interface
Band:
2.4 GHz (B+G)
Mode:
AP
Network Type:
Infrastructure
SSID:
MyWLAN
Channel Number:
11
Associated Clients:
Show Active Clients
Enable Mac Clone (Single Ethernet Client)
Enable Universal Repeater Mode (Acting as AP and client simultaneouly)
SSID of Extended Interface:
Apply Changes
Reset

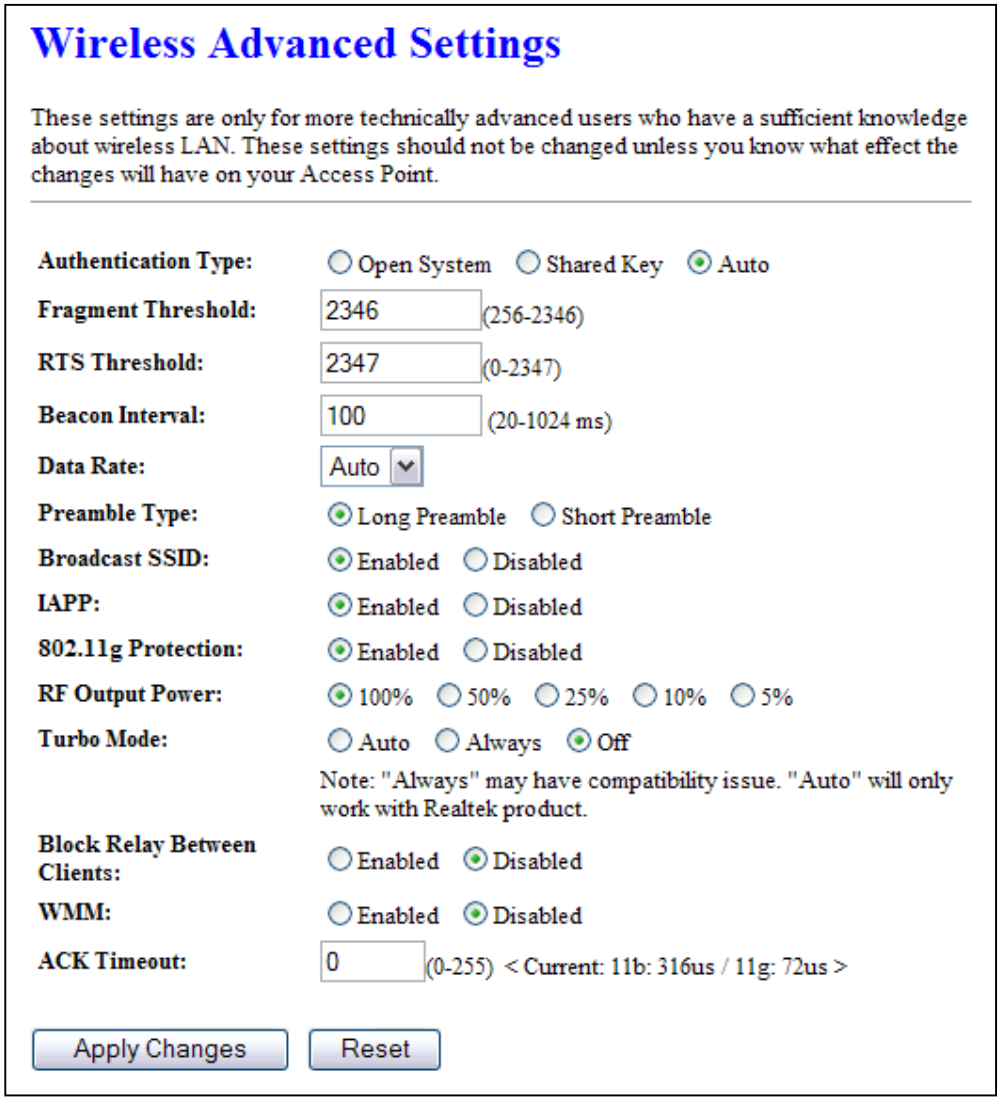
Screen snapshot – Wireless Basic Settings

Item	Description
Disable Wireless LAN Interface	Click on to disable the wireless LAN data transmission.
Band	Click to select 2.4GHz(B) / 2.4GHz(G) / 2.4GHz(B+G)
Mode	Click to select the WLAN AP / Client / WDS / AP+WDS wireless mode.
Site Survey	The ***Site Survey*** button provides tool to scan the wireless network. If any Access Point or IBSS is found, you could choose to connect it manually when client mode is enabled. Refer to 3.3.9 Site Survey.
SSID	It is the wireless network name. The SSID can be 32 bytes long.
Channel Number	Select the wireless communication channel from pull-down menu.
Associated Clients	Click the ***Show Active Clients*** button to open Active Wireless Client Table that shows the MAC address,

	transmit-packet, receive-packet and transmission-rate for each associated wireless client.
Enable Mac Clone (Single Ethernet Client)	Take Laptop NIC MAC address as wireless client MAC address. **[Client Mode only]**
Enable Universal Repeater Mode	Click to enable Universal Repeater Mode
SSID of Extended Interface	Assign SSID when enables Universal Repeater Mode.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.5 Wireless - Advanced Settings

These settings are only for more technically advanced users who have a sufficient knowledge about wireless LAN. These settings should not be changed unless you know what effect the changes will have on your WLAN Access Point.


Wireless Advanced Settings
These settings are only for more technically advanced users who have a sufficient knowledge about wireless LAN. These settings should not be changed unless you know what effect the changes will have on your Access Point.
Authentication Type: Open System Shared Key Auto
Fragment Threshold: 2346 (256-2346)
RTS Threshold: 2347 (0-2347)
Beacon Interval: 100 (20-1024 ms)
Data Rate: Auto
Preamble Type: Long Preamble Short Preamble
Broadcast SSID: Enabled Disabled
IAPP: Enabled Disabled
802.11g Protection: Enabled Disabled
RF Output Power: 100% 50% 25% 10% 5%
Turbo Mode: Auto Always Off
Note: "Always" may have compatibility issue. "Auto" will only work with Realtek product.
Block Relay Between Clients: Enabled Disabled
WMM: Enabled Disabled
ACK Timeout: 0 (0-255) < Current: 11b: 316us / 11g: 72us >
Apply Changes
Reset

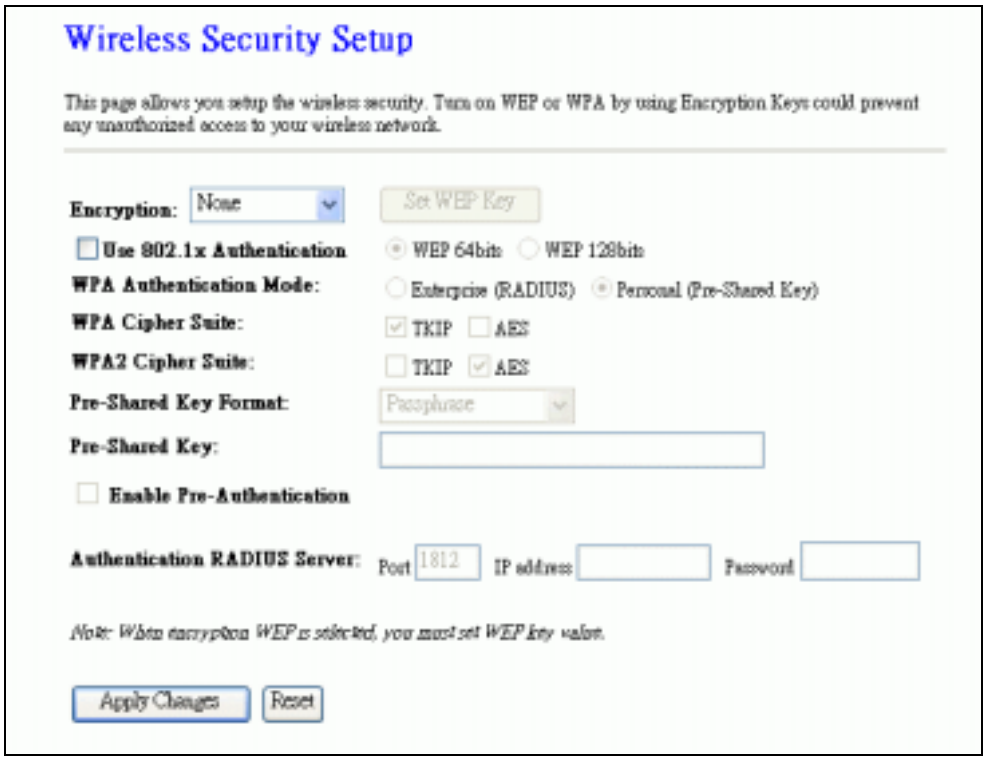
Screen snapshot – Wireless Advanced Settings

Item	Description
Authentication Type	Click to select the authentication type in ***Open System***, ***Shared Key*** or ***Auto*** selection.
Fragment Threshold	Set the data packet fragmentation threshold, value can be written between 256 and 2346 bytes.

	Refer to 4.10 What is Fragment Threshold?
RTS Threshold	Set the RTS Threshold, value can be written between 0 and 2347 bytes. Refer to 4.11 What is RTS(Request To Send) Threshold?
Beacon Interval	Set the Beacon Interval, value can be written between 20 and 1024 ms. Refer to 4.12 What is Beacon Interval?
Data Rate	Select the transmission data rate from pull-down menu. Data rate can be auto-select, 54M, 48M, 36M, 24M, 18M, 12M, 9M, 6M, 11M, 5.5M, 2M or 1Mbps.
Preamble Type	Click to select the ***Long Preamble*** or ***Short Preamble*** support on the wireless data packet transmission. Refer to 4.13 What is Preamble Type?
Broadcast SSID	Click to enable or disable the SSID broadcast function. Refer to 4.14 What is SSID Broadcast?
IAPP	Click to enable or disable the IAPP function. Refer to 4.20 What is Inter-Access Point Protocol(IAPP)?
802.11g Protection	Protect 802.11b user.
RF Output Power	To adjust transmission power level.
Turbo Mode	Click to enable/disable turbo mode.(***Only apply to WLAN IC of Realtek***).
Block Rely Between Clients	Click Enabled/Disabled to decide if blocking relay packets between clients.
WMM	Click Enabled/Disabled to init WMM feature
ACK Timeout	Set the ACK-Timeout for a long distance link. The value can be 0-255. A step is 4 us.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.6 Wireless - Security Setup

This page allows you setup the wireless security. Turn on WEP, WPA, WPA2 by using encryption keys could prevent any unauthorized access to your wireless network.



Screen snapshot – Wireless Security Setup

Item	Description
Encryption	Select the encryption supported over wireless access. The encryption method can be None, WEP, WPA(TKIP), WPA2 or WPA2 Mixed Refer to 4.9 What is WEP? 4.15 What is Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)? 4.16 What is WPA2(AES)? 4.17 What is 802.1X Authentication? 4.18 What is Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)? 4.19 What is Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)?
Use 802.1x Authentication	While Encryption is selected to be WEP. Click the check box to enable IEEE 802.1x authentication function. Refer to 4.16 What is 802.1x Authentication?
WPA Authentication Mode	While Encryption is selected to be WPA. Click to select the WPA Authentication Mode with Enterprise (RADIUS) or Personal (Pre-Shared Key). Refer to 4.15 What is Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)?

WPA Cipher Suite	Enable TKIP or AES. Depends on which encryption you set.
WPA2 Cipher Suite	Enable TKIP or AES. Depends on which encryption you set.
Pre-Shared Key Format	While Encryption is selected to be WPA. Select the Pre-shared key format from the pull-down menu. The format can be Passphrase or Hex (64 characters). **[WPA, Personal(Pre-Shared Key) only]**
Pre-Shared Key	Fill in the key value. [WPA, Personal(Pre-Shared Key) only]
Enable Pre-Authentication	Click to enable Pre-Authentication. [WPA2/WPA2 Mixed only, Enterprise only]
Authentication RADIUS Server	Set the IP address, port and login password information of authentication RADIUS sever.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

I WEP Key Setup

Screen snapshot – WEP Key Setup

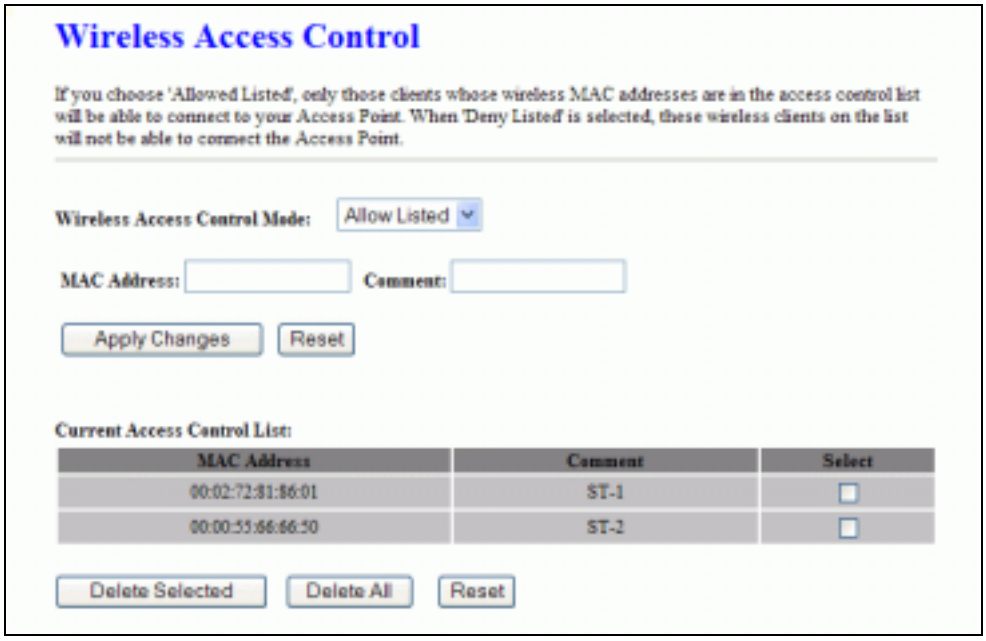
Item	Description
Key Length	Select the WEP shared secret key length from pull-down menu. The length can be chose between 64-bit and 128-bit (known as “WEP2”) keys. The WEP key is composed of initialization vector (24 bits) and secret key (40-bit or 104-bit).
Key Format	Select the WEP shared secret key format from pull-down menu. The format can be chose between plant text (ASCII) and hexadecimal (HEX) code.
Default Tx Key	Set the default secret key for WEP security function. Value can be chose between 1 and 4.
Encryption Key 1	Secret key 1 of WEP security encryption function.
Encryption Key 2	Secret key 2 of WEP security encryption function.
Encryption Key 3	Secret key 3 of WEP security encryption function.
Encryption Key 4	Secret key 4 of WEP security encryption function.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Close	Click to close this WEP Key setup window.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

WEP encryption key (secret key) length:

Length / Format	64-bit	128-bit
ASCII	5 characters	13 characters
HEX	10 hexadecimal codes	26 hexadecimal codes

3.3.7 Wireless - Access Control

If you enable wireless access control, only those clients whose wireless MAC addresses are in the access control list will be able to connect to your Access Point. When this option is enabled, no wireless clients will be able to connect if the list contains no entries.


Wireless Access Control
If you choose 'Allowed Listed', only those clients whose wireless MAC addresses are in the access control list will be able to connect to your Access Point. When 'Deny Listed' is selected, these wireless clients on the list will not be able to connect the Access Point.
Wireless Access Control Mode:
Allow Listed
MAC Address:
Comment:
Apply Changes
Reset
Current Access Control List:
MAC Address
Comment
Select
00:02:72:81:86:01
ST-1
00:00:55:66:66:50
ST-2
Delete Selected
Delete All
Reset

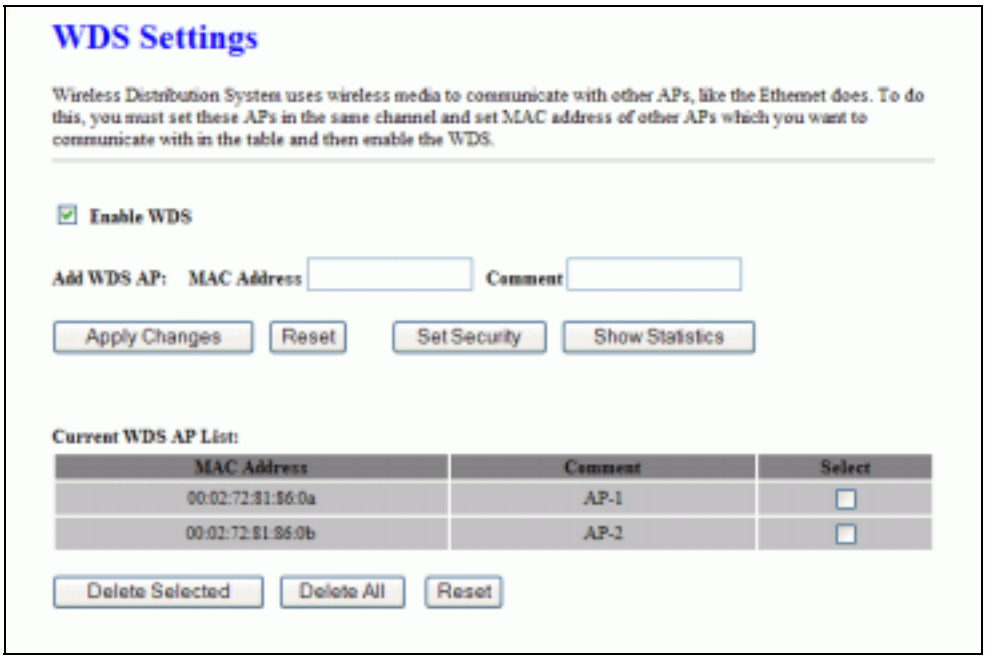
Screen snapshot – Wireless Access Control

Item	Description
Wireless Access Control Mode	Click the ***Disabled***, ***Allow Listed*** or ***Deny Listed*** of drop down menu choose wireless access control mode. This is a security control function; only those clients registered in the access control list can link to this WLAN Access Point.
MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address of client to register this WLAN Access Point access capability.
Comment	Fill in the comment tag for the registered client.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to register the client to new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.
Current Access Control List	It shows the registered clients that are allowed to link to this WLAN Access Point.
Delete Selected	Click to delete the selected clients that will be access right removed from this WLAN Access Point.
Delete All	Click to delete all the registered clients from the access allowed list.

Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.8 WDS Settings

Wireless Distribution System uses wireless media to communicate with other APs, like the Ethernet does. To do this, you must set these APs in the same channel and set MAC address of other AP that you want to communicate with in the table and then enable the WDS.


WDS Settings
Wireless Distribution System uses wireless media to communicate with other APs, like the Ethernet does. To do this, you must set these APs in the same channel and set MAC address of other APs which you want to communicate with in the table and then enable the WDS.
Enable WDS
Add WDS AP: MAC Address
Comment
Apply Changes
Reset
Set Security
Show Statistics
Current WDS AP List:
MAC Address
Comment
Select
00:02:72:81:86:0a
AP-1
00:02:72:81:86:0b
AP-2
Delete Selected
Delete All
Reset

Screen snapshot – WDS Setup

Item	Description
Enable WDS	Click the check box to enable wireless distribution system. Refer to 4.21 What is Wireless Distribution System (WDS)?
MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address of AP to register the wireless distribution system access capability.
Comment	Fill in the comment tag for the registered AP.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to register the AP to new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

Set Security	Click button to configure wireless security like ***WEP(64bits), WEP(128bits), WPA(TKIP), WPA2(AES)*** or ***None***
Show Statistics	It shows the TX, RX packets, rate statistics
Delete Selected	Click to delete the selected clients that will be removed from the wireless distribution system.
Delete All	Click to delete all the registered APs from the wireless distribution system allowed list.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

I WDS Security Setup

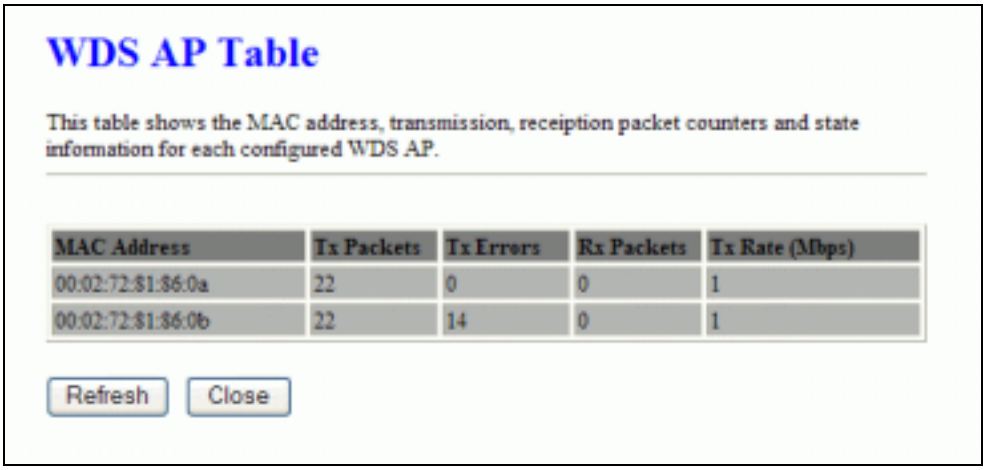
Requirement: Set [Wireless]->[Basic Settings]->[Mode]->AP+WDS

This page is used to configure the wireless security between APs. Refer to 3.3.6 Wireless Security Setup.

Screen snapshot – WDS Security Setup

II WDS AP Table

This page is used to show WDS statistics

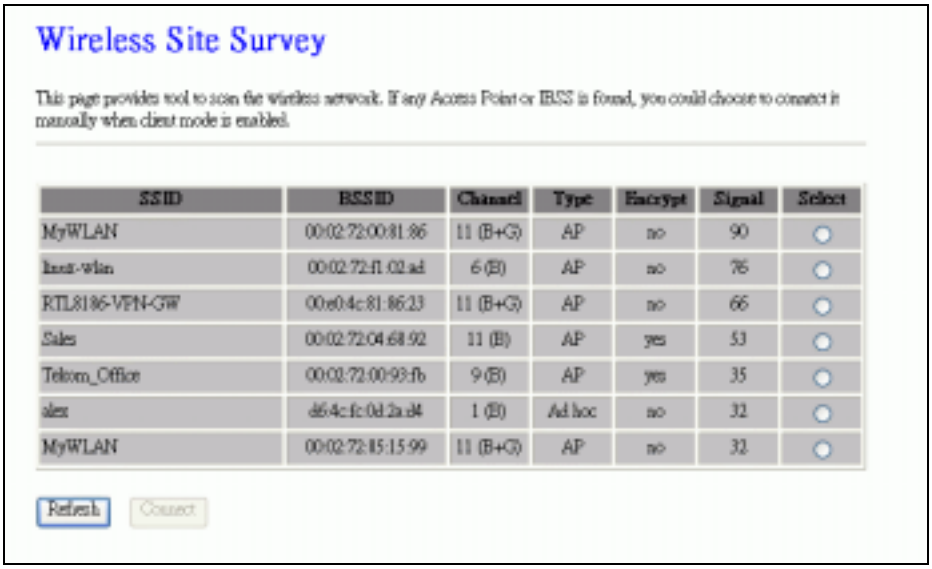


Screen snapshot – WDS AP Table

Item	Description
MAC Address	It shows the MAC Address within WDS.
Tx Packets	It shows the statistic count of sent packets on the wireless LAN interface.
Tx Errors	It shows the statistic count of error sent packets on the Wireless LAN interface.
Rx Packets	It shows the statistic count of received packets on the wireless LAN interface.
Tx Rare (Mbps)	It shows the wireless link rate within WDS.
Refresh	Click to refresh the statistic counters on the screen.
Close	Click to close the current window.

3.3.9 Site Survey

This page is used to view or configure other APs near yours.

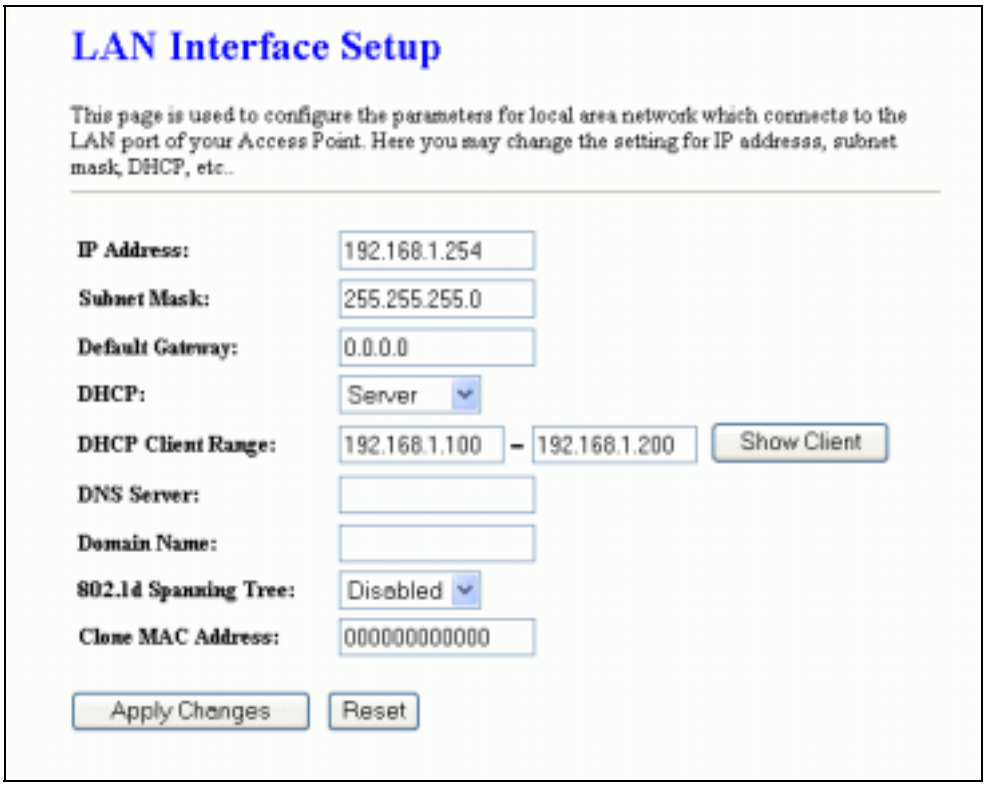


Screen snapshot – Wireless Site Survey

Item	Description
SSID	It shows the SSID of AP.
BSSID	It shows BSSID of AP.
Channel	It show the current channel of AP occupied.
Type	It show which type AP acts.
Encrypt	It shows the encryption status.
Signal	It shows the power level of current AP.
Select	Click to select AP or client you'd like to connect.
Refresh	Click the ***Refresh*** button to re-scan site survey on the screen.
Connect	Click the ***Connect*** button to establish connection.

3.3.10 TCP/IP Settings

This page is used to configure the parameters for local area network that connects to the LAN ports of your WLAN Access Point. Here you may change the setting for IP address, subnet mask, DHCP, etc.



Screen snapshot – LAN Interface Setup

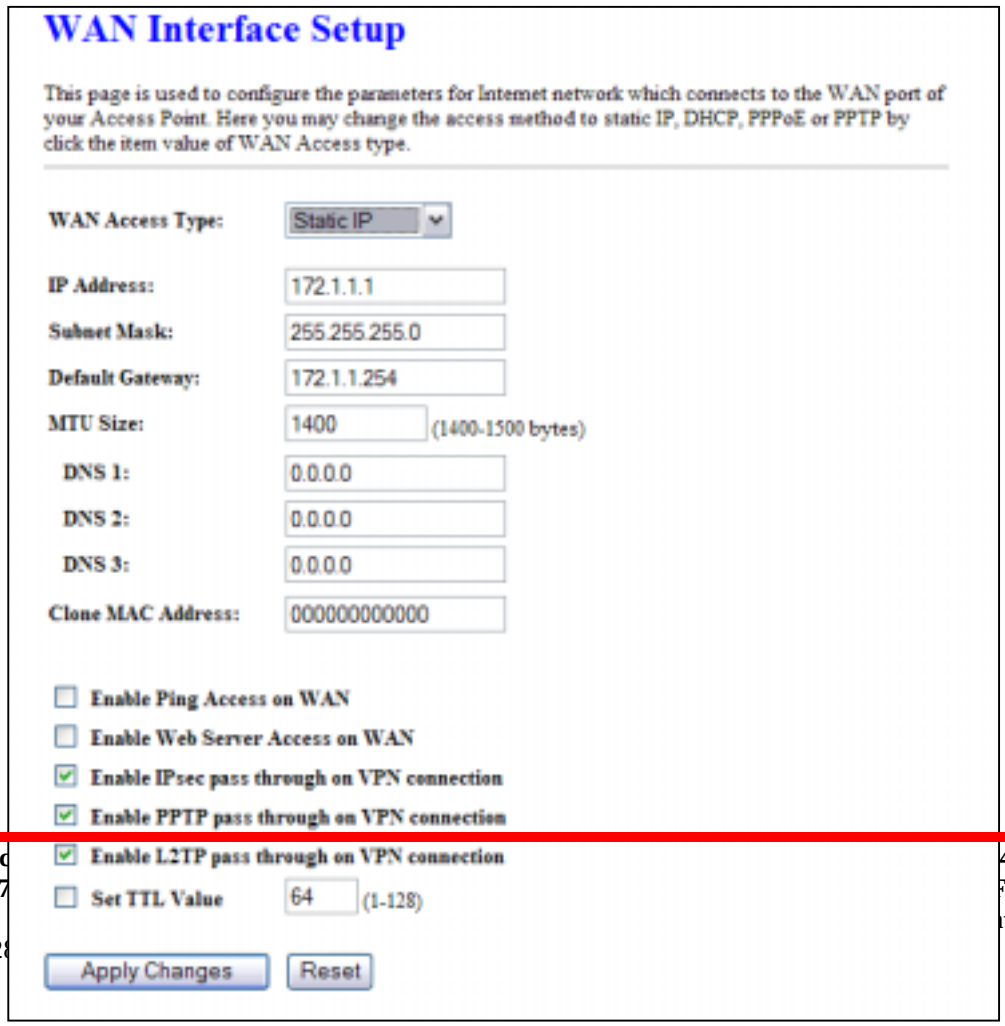
Item	Description
IP Address	Fill in the IP address of LAN interfaces of this WLAN Access Point.
Subnet Mask	Fill in the subnet mask of LAN interfaces of this WLAN Access Point.
Default Gateway	Fill in the default gateway for LAN interfaces out going data packets.
DHCP	Click to select ***Disabled***, ***Client*** or ***Server*** in different operation mode of wireless Access Point.
DHCP Client Range	Fill in the start IP address and end IP address to allocate a range of IP addresses; client with DHCP function set will be assigned an IP address from the range.
Show Client	Click to open the ***Active DHCP Client Table*** window that shows the active clients with their assigned IP address, MAC address and time expired information. **[Server mode only]**

DNS Server	Manual setup DNS server IP address.
Domain Name	Assign Domain Name and dispatch to DHCP clients. It is optional field.
802.1d Spanning Tree	Select to enable or disable the IEEE 802.1d Spanning Tree function from pull-down menu.
Clone MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address that is the MAC address to be cloned. Refer to 4.24 What is Clone MAC Address?
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.11 WAN Interface Setup

This page is used to configure the parameters for wide area network that connects to the WAN port of your WLAN Broadband Router. Here you may change the access method to ***Static IP***, ***DHCP***, ***PPPoE*** or ***PPTP*** by click the item value of **WAN Access Type**.

I Static IP

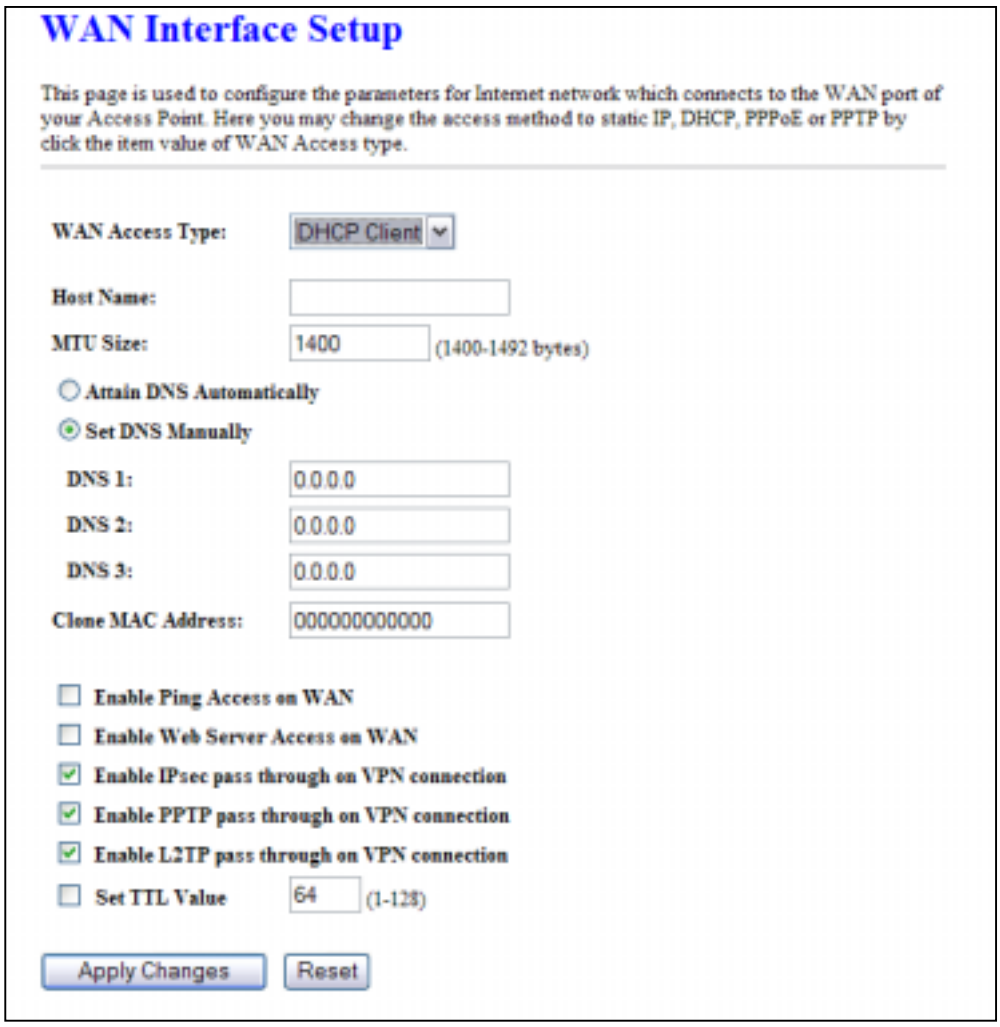


Screen snapshot – WAN Interface Setup – Static IP

Item	Description
Static IP	Click to select Static IP support on WAN interface. There are IP address, subnet mask and default gateway settings need to be done.
IP Address	If you select the Static IP support on WAN interface, fill in the IP address for it.
Subnet Mask	If you select the Static IP support on WAN interface, fill in the subnet mask for it.
Default Gateway	If you select the Static IP support on WAN interface, fill in the default gateway for WAN interface out going data packets.
MTU Size	Fill in the mtu size of MTU Size. The default value is 1400
DNS 1	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 1.
DNS 2	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 2.
DNS 3	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 3.
Clone MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address that is the MAC address to be cloned. Refer to 4.24 What is Clone MAC Address?
Enable Ping Access on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable WAN ICMP response
Enable Web Server Access on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable web configuration from WAN side.
Enable IPsec pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable IPSec packet pass through
Enable PPTP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable PPTP packet pass through
Enable L2TP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable L2TP packet pass through
Set TTL value	Click to Enable and Set Time to Live value
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new

	configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

II DHCP Client

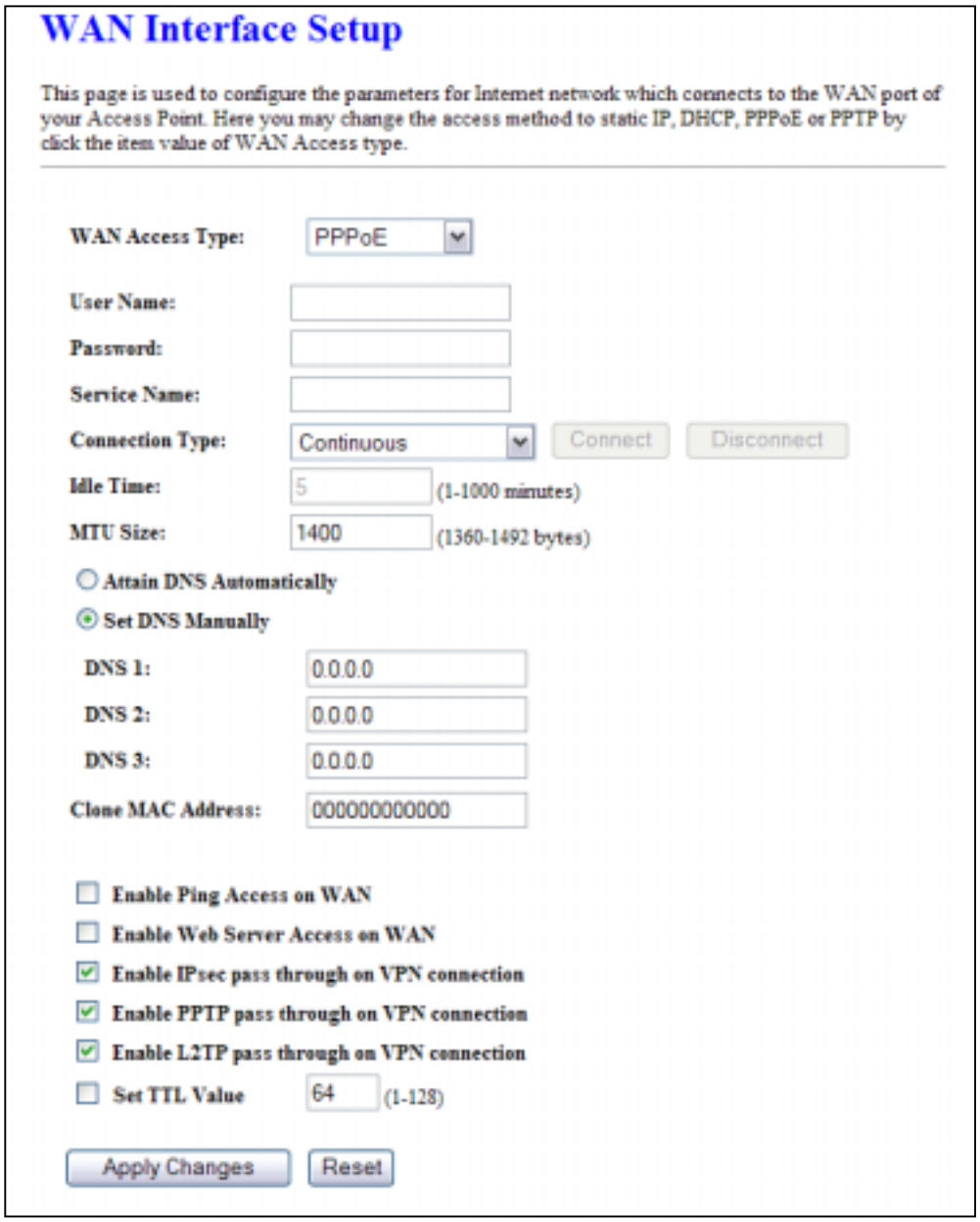

WAN Interface Setup
This page is used to configure the parameters for Internet network which connects to the WAN port of your Access Point. Here you may change the access method to static IP, DHCP, PPPoE or PPTP by click the item value of WAN Access type.
WAN Access Type:
DHCP Client
Host Name:
MTU Size:
1400
(1400-1492 bytes)
Attain DNS Automatically
Set DNS Manually
DNS 1:
0.0.0.0
DNS 2:
0.0.0.0
DNS 3:
0.0.0.0
Clone MAC Address:
000000000000
Enable Ping Access on WAN
Enable Web Server Access on WAN
Enable IPsec pass through on VPN connection
Enable PPTP pass through on VPN connection
Enable L2TP pass through on VPN connection
Set TTL Value
64
(1-128)
Apply Changes
Reset

Screen snapshot – WAN Interface Setup – DHCP Client

Item	Description
DHCP Client	Click to select DHCP support on WAN interface for IP address assigned automatically from a DHCP server.
Host Name	Fill in the host name of Host Name. The default value is empty
MTU Size	Fill in the mtu size of MTU Size. The default value is

	1400
Attain DNS Automatically	Click to select getting DNS address for ***DHCP*** support. Please select ***Set DNS Manually*** if the ***DHCP*** support is selected.
Set DNS Manually	Click to select getting DNS address for ***DHCP*** support.
DNS 1	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 1.
DNS 2	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 2.
DNS 3	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 3.
Clone MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address that is the MAC address to be cloned. Refer to 4.24 What is Clone MAC Address?
Enable Ping Acces on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable WAN ICMP response.
Enable Web Server Access on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable web configuration from WAN side.
Enable IPsec pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable IPSec packet pass through
Enable PPTP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable PPTP packet pass through
Enable L2TP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable L2TP packet pass through
Set TTL value	Click to Enable and set Time to Live value.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

III PPPoE



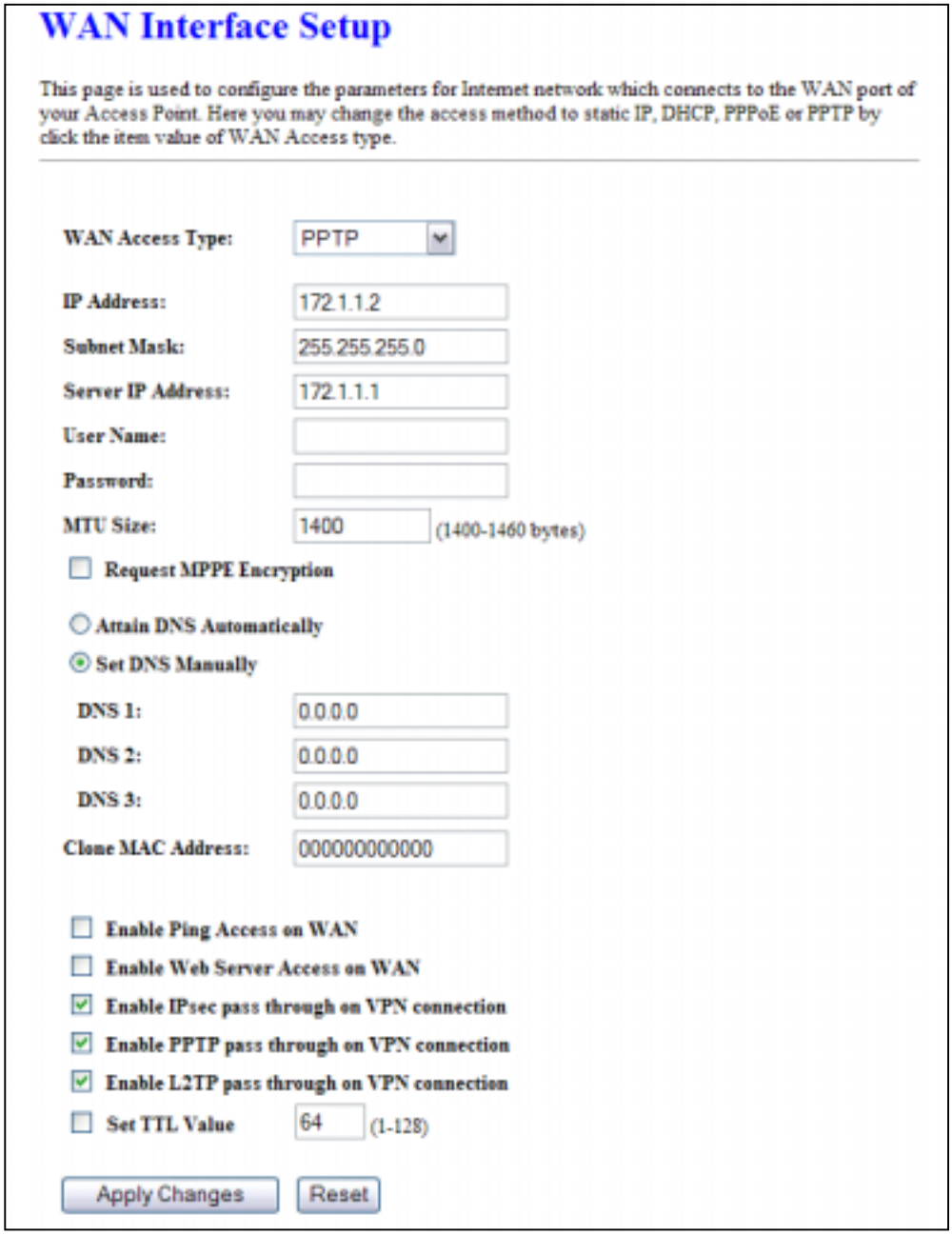
Screen snapshot – WAN Interface Setup – PPPoE

Item	Description
PPPoE	Click to select PPPoE support on WAN interface. There are user name, password, connection type and idle time settings need to be done.
User Name	If you select the PPPoE support on WAN interface, fill in the user name and password to login the PPPoE server.

Password	If you select the PPPoE support on WAN interface, fill in the user name and password to login the PPPoE server.
Service Name	Fill in the service name of Service Name. The default value is empty.
Connection Type	Select the connection type from pull-down menu. There are ***Continuous***, ***Connect on Demand*** and ***Manual*** three types to select. ***Continuous*** connection type means to setup the connection through PPPoE protocol whenever this WLAN Broadband Router is powered on. ***Connect on Demand*** connection type means to setup the connection through PPPoE protocol whenever you send the data packets out through the WAN interface; there are a watchdog implemented to close the PPPoE connection while there are no data sent out longer than the idle time set. ***Manual*** connection type means to setup the connection through the PPPoE protocol by clicking the ***Connect*** button manually, and clicking the ***Disconnect*** button manually.
Idle Time	If you select the ***PPPoE*** and ***Connect on Demand*** connection type, fill in the idle time for auto-disconnect function. Value can be between 1 and 1000 minutes.
MTU Size	Fill in the mtu size of MTU Size. The default value is 1492. Refer to 4.23 What is Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) Size?
Attain DNS Automatically	Click to select getting DNS address for ***PPPoE*** support. Please select ***Set DNS Manually*** if the ***PPPoE*** support is selected.
Set DNS Manually	Click to select getting DNS address for ***Static IP*** support.
DNS 1	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 1.
DNS 2	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 2.
DNS 3	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 3.
Clone MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address that is the MAC address to be cloned. Refer to 4.24 What is Clone MAC Address?

Enable Ping Acces on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable WAN ICMP response.
Enable Web Server Access on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable web configuration from WAN side.
Enable IPsec pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable IPSec packet pass through
Enable PPTP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable PPTP packet pass through
Enable L2TP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable L2TP packet pass through
Set TTL value	Click to Enable and set Time to Live value.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

IV PPTP



Screen snapshot – WAN Interface Setup – PPTP

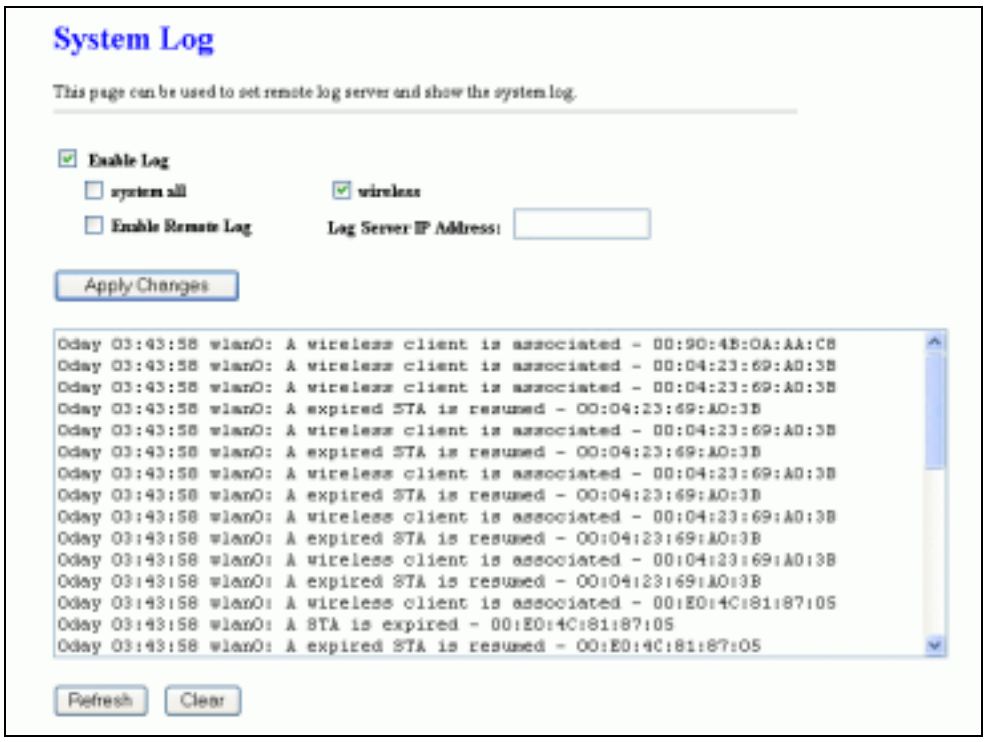
Item	Description
PPTP	Allow user to make a tunnel with remote site directly to secure the data transmission among the connection. User can use embedded PPTP client supported by this router to make a VPN connection.

IP Address	If you select the PPTP support on WAN interface, fill in the IP address for it.
Subnet Mask	If you select the PPTP support on WAN interface, fill in the subnet mask for it.
Server IP Address	Enter the IP address of the PPTP Server.
User Name	If you select the PPTP support on WAN interface, fill in the user name and password to login the PPTP server.
Password	f you select the PPTP support on WAN interface, fill in the user name and password to login the PPTP server.
MTU Size	Fill in the mtu size of MTU Size. The default value is 1400. Refer to 4.23 What is Maximum Transmission Unit (MTU) Size?
Request MPPE Encryption	Click the checkbox to enable request MPPE encryption.
Attain DNS Automatically	Click to select getting DNS address for ***PPTP*** support. Please select ***Set DNS Manually*** if the ***PPTP*** support is selected.
Set DNS Manually	Click to select getting DNS address for ***PPTP*** support.
DNS 1	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 1.
DNS 2	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 2.
DNS 3	Fill in the IP address of Domain Name Server 3.
Clone MAC Address	Fill in the MAC address that is the MAC address to be cloned. Refer to 4.24 What is Clone MAC Address?
Enable Ping Access on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable WAN ICMP response.
Enable Web Server Access on WAN	Click the checkbox to enable web configuration from WAN side.
Enable IPsec pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable IPSec packet pass through
Enable PPTP pass through on VPN connection	Click the checkbox to enable PPTP packet pass through
Enable L2TP pass through on VPN	Click the checkbox to enable L2TP packet pass through

connection	
Set TTL value	Click to Enable and set Time to Live value.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.12 Log

This page is used to configure the remote log server and shown the current log.



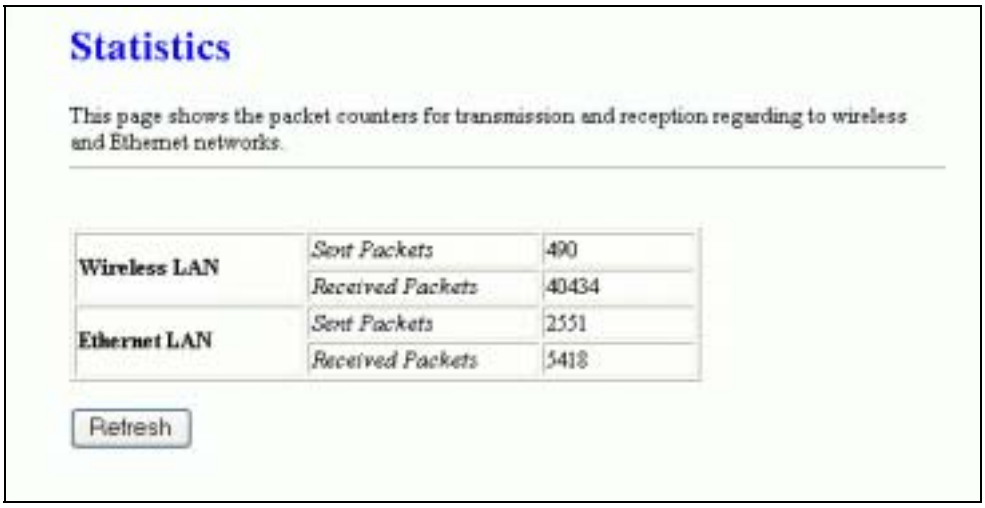
Screen snapshot – Log

Item	Description
Enable Log	Click the checkbox to enable log.
System all	Show all log of wireless Access Point.
Wireless only	Only show wireless log.
Enable Remote Log	Click the checkbox to enable remote log service.
Log Server IP Address	Input the remote log IP address

Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to save above settings.
Refresh	Click the refresh the log shown on the screen.
Clear	Clear log display screen

3.3.13 Statistics

This page shows the packet counters for transmission and reception regarding to wireless and Ethernet LAN networks.



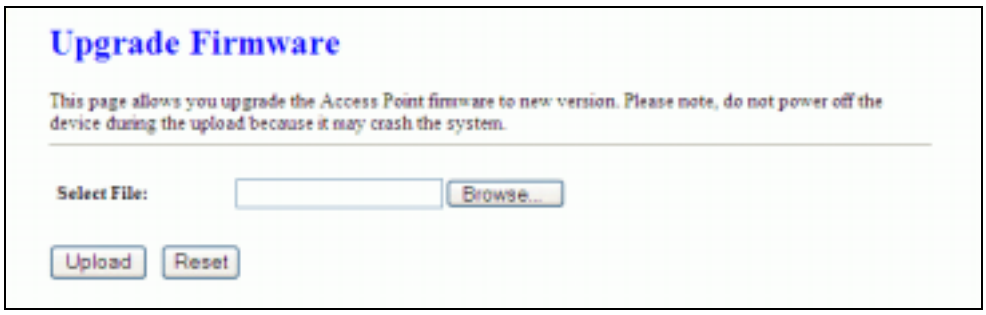
Screen snapshot – Statistics

Item	Description
Wireless LAN ***Sent Packets***	It shows the statistic count of sent packets on the wireless LAN interface.
Wireless LAN ***Received Packets***	It shows the statistic count of received packets on the wireless LAN interface.
Ethernet LAN ***Sent Packets***	It shows the statistic count of sent packets on the Ethernet LAN interface.
Ethernet LAN ***Received Packets***	It shows the statistic count of received packets on the Ethernet LAN interface.
Refresh	Click the refresh the statistic counters on the screen.

3.3.14 Upgrade Firmware

This page allows you upgrade the Access Point firmware to new version. Please note, do not

power off the device during the upload because it may crash the system.


Upgrade Firmware
This page allows you upgrade the Access Point firmware to new version. Please note, do not power off the device during the upload because it may crash the system.
Select File:
Browse...
Upload
Reset

Screen snapshot – Management - Upgrade Firmware

Item	Description
Select File	Click the ***Browse*** button to select the new version of web firmware image file.
Upload	Click the ***Upload*** button to update the selected web firmware image to the WLAN Access Point.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.15 Save/ Reload Settings

This page allows you save current settings to a file or reload the settings from the file that was saved previously. Besides, you could reset the current configuration to factory default.

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This page allows you save current settings to a file or reload the settings from the file which was saved previously. Besides, you could reset the current configuration to factory default.
Save Settings to File:
Save...
Load Settings from File:
Browse...
Upload
Reset Settings to Default:
Reset

Screen snapshot – Management - Save/Reload Settings

Item	Description
Save Settings to File	Click the ***Save*** button to download the configuration

	parameters to your personal computer.
Load Settings from File	Click the ***Browse*** button to select the configuration files then click the ***Upload*** button to update the selected configuration to the WLAN Access Point.
Reset Settings to Default	Click the ***Reset*** button to reset the configuration parameter to factory defaults.

3.3.16 Password Setup

This page is used to set the account to access the web server of Access Point. Empty user name and password will disable the protection.

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User Name:
New Password:
Confirmed Password:
Apply Changes
Reset

Screen snapshot – Management - Password Setup

Item	Description
User Name	Fill in the user name for web management login control.
New Password	Fill in the password for web management login control.
Confirmed Password	Because the password input is invisible, so please fill in the password again for confirmation purpose.
Apply Changes	Clear the ***User Name*** and ***Password*** fields to empty, means to apply no web management login control. Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

3.3.17 WatchDog

This page is used to do watchdog function using ping command. User set IP address, interval and ping fail count conditions to decide whether router reboots or not.

WatchDog Setting
Use ping command to identify whether the router is functional or not. User has to set IP address, interval and fail count to decide reboot router.
Enable WatchDog
WatchDog IP Address:
Ping Interval: (30-600 seconds)
Ping Fail to reboot Counter: (3-30)
Apply Changes
Reset

Screen snapshot – Management – WatchDog Setting

Item	Description
Enable WatchDog	Click to enable watchdog
WatchDog IP Address	IP address that is referred
Ping Interval	Fill in the value by seconds
Ping Fail to reboot Count	Fill in the value that is threshold to reboot router when ping fails.
Apply Changes	Click the ***Apply Changes*** button to complete the new configuration setting.
Reset	Click the ***Reset*** button to abort change and recover the previous configuration setting.

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4 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

4.1 What and how to find my PC's IP and MAC address?

IP address is the identifier for a computer or device on a TCP/IP network. Networks using the TCP/IP protocol route messages based on the IP address of the destination. The format of an IP address is a 32-bit numeric address written as four numbers separated by periods. Each number can be zero to 255. For example, 191.168.1.254 could be an IP address.

The MAC (Media Access Control) address is your computer's unique hardware number. (On an Ethernet LAN, it's the same as your Ethernet address.) When you're connected to the Internet from your computer (or host as the Internet protocol thinks of it), a correspondence table relates your IP address to your computer's physical (MAC) address on the LAN.

To find your PC's IP and MAC address,

- ✓ Open the Command program in the Microsoft Windows.
- ✓ Type in ***ipconfig /all*** then press the ***Enter*** button.

- ➢ Your PC's IP address is the one entitled IP Address and your PC's MAC address is the one entitled Physical Address.

4.2 What is Wireless LAN?

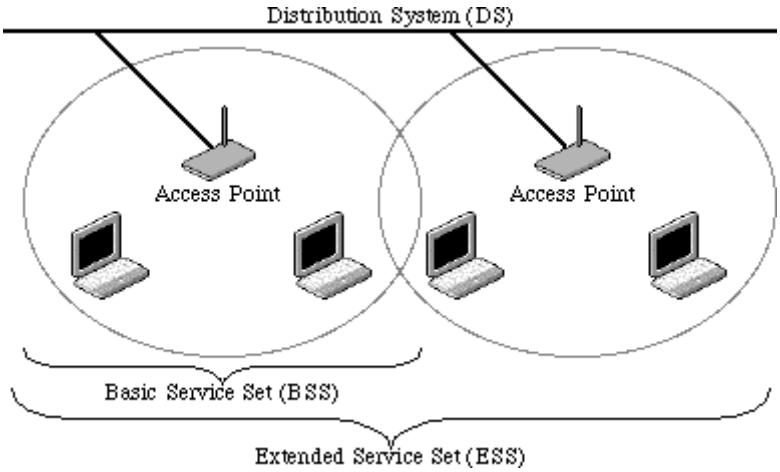
A wireless LAN (WLAN) is a network that allows access to Internet without the need for any wired connections to the user's machine.

4.3 What are ISM bands?

ISM stands for Industrial, Scientific and Medical; radio frequency bands that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) authorized for wireless LANs. The ISM bands are located at 915 +/- 13 MHz, 2450 +/- 50 MHz and 5800 +/- 75 MHz.

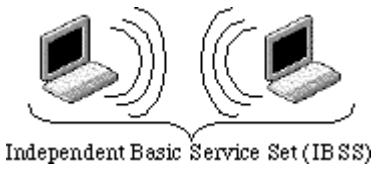
4.4 How does wireless networking work?

The 802.11 standard define two modes: infrastructure mode and ad hoc mode. In infrastructure mode, the wireless network consists of at least one access point connected to the wired network infrastructure and a set of wireless end stations. This configuration is called a Basic Service Set (BSS). An Extended Service Set (ESS) is a set of two or more BSSs forming a single subnetwork. Since most corporate WLANs require access to the wired LAN for services (file servers, printers, Internet links) they will operate in infrastructure mode.



Example 1: wireless Infrastructure Mode

Ad hoc mode (also called peer-to-peer mode or an Independent Basic Service Set, or IBSS) is simply a set of 802.11 wireless stations that communicate directly with one another without using an access point or any connection to a wired network. This mode is useful for quickly and easily setting up a wireless network anywhere that a wireless infrastructure does not exist or is not required for services, such as a hotel room, convention center, or airport, or where access to the wired network is barred (such as for consultants at a client site).



Example 2: wireless Ad Hoc Mode

4.5 What is BSSID?

A six-byte address that distinguishes a particular a particular access point from others. Also know as just SSID. Serves as a network ID or name.

4.6 What is ESSID?

The Extended Service Set ID (ESSID) is the name of the network you want to access. It is used to identify different wireless networks.

4.7 What are potential factors that may causes interference?

Factors of interference:

- Obstacles: walls, ceilings, furniture… etc.
- Building Materials: metal door, aluminum studs.
- Electrical devices: microwaves, monitors and electrical motors.

Solutions to overcome the interferences:

- ✓ Minimizing the number of walls and ceilings.
- ✓ Position the WLAN antenna for best reception.
- ✓ Keep WLAN devices away from other electrical devices, eg: microwaves, monitors, electric motors, … etc.
- ✓ Add additional WLAN Access Points if necessary.

4.8 What are the Open System and Shared Key authentications?

IEEE 802.11 supports two subtypes of network authentication services: open system and shared key. Under open system authentication, any wireless station can request authentication. The station that needs to authenticate with another wireless station sends an authentication management frame that contains the identity of the sending station. The receiving station then returns a frame that indicates whether it recognizes the sending station. Under shared key authentication, each wireless station is assumed to have received a secret shared key over a secure channel that is independent from the 802.11 wireless network communications channel.

4.9 What is WEP?

An optional IEEE 802.11 function that offers frame transmission privacy similar to a wired network. The Wired Equivalent Privacy generates secret shared encryption keys that both source and destination stations can use to alert frame bits to avoid disclosure to eavesdroppers.

WEP relies on a secret key that is shared between a mobile station (e.g. a laptop with a wireless Ethernet card) and an access point (i.e. a base station). The secret key is used to encrypt packets before they are transmitted, and an integrity check is used to ensure that packets are not modified in transit.

4.10 What is Fragment Threshold?

The proposed protocol uses the frame fragmentation mechanism defined in IEEE 802.11 to achieve parallel transmissions. A large data frame is fragmented into several fragments each of size equal to fragment threshold. By tuning the fragment threshold value, we can get varying fragment sizes. The determination of an efficient fragment threshold is an important issue in this scheme. If the fragment

threshold is small, the overlap part of the master and parallel transmissions is large. This means the spatial reuse ratio of parallel transmissions is high. In contrast, with a large fragment threshold, the overlap is small and the spatial reuse ratio is low. However high fragment threshold leads to low fragment overhead. Hence there is a trade-off between spatial re-use and fragment overhead.

Fragment threshold is the maximum packet size used for fragmentation. Packets larger than the size programmed in this field will be fragmented.

If you find that your corrupted packets or asymmetric packet reception (all send packets, for example). You may want to try lowering your fragmentation threshold. This will cause packets to be broken into smaller fragments. These small fragments, if corrupted, can be resent faster than a larger fragment. Fragmentation increases overhead, so you'll want to keep this value as close to the maximum value as possible.

4.11 What is RTS (Request To Send) Threshold?

The RTS threshold is the packet size at which packet transmission is governed by the RTS/CTS transaction. The IEEE 802.11-1997 standard allows for short packets to be transmitted without RTS/CTS transactions. Each station can have a different RTS threshold. RTS/CTS is used when the data packet size exceeds the defined RTS threshold. With the CSMA/CA transmission mechanism, the transmitting station sends out an RTS packet to the receiving station, and waits for the receiving station to send back a CTS (Clear to Send) packet before sending the actual packet data.

This setting is useful for networks with many clients. With many clients, and a high network load, there will be many more collisions. By lowering the RTS threshold, there may be fewer collisions, and performance should improve. Basically, with a faster RTS threshold, the system can recover from problems faster. RTS packets consume valuable bandwidth, however, so setting this value too low will limit performance.

4.12 What is Beacon Interval?

In addition to data frames that carry information from higher layers, 802.11 includes management and control frames that support data transfer. The beacon frame, which is a type of management frame, provides the "heartbeat" of a wireless LAN, enabling stations to establish and maintain communications in an orderly fashion.

Beacon Interval represents the amount of time between beacon transmissions. Before a station enters power save mode, the station needs the beacon interval to know when to wake up to receive the

beacon (and learn whether there are buffered frames at the access point).

4.13 What is Preamble Type?

There are two preamble types defined in IEEE 802.11 specification. A long preamble basically gives the decoder more time to process the preamble. All 802.11 devices support a long preamble. The short preamble is designed to improve efficiency (for example, for VoIP systems). The difference between the two is in the Synchronization field. The long preamble is 128 bits, and the short is 56 bits.

4.14 What is SSID Broadcast?

Broadcast of SSID is done in access points by the beacon. This announces your access point (including various bits of information about it) to the wireless world around it. By disabling that feature, the SSID configured in the client must match the SSID of the access point.

Some wireless devices don't work properly if SSID isn't broadcast (for example the D-link DWL-120 USB 802.11b adapter). Generally if your client hardware supports operation with SSID disabled, it's not a bad idea to run that way to enhance network security. However it's no replacement for WEP, MAC filtering or other protections.

4.15 What is Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA)?

Wi-Fi’s original security mechanism, Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP), has been viewed as insufficient for securing confidential business communications. A longer-term solution, the IEEE 802.11i standard, is under development. However, since the IEEE 802.11i standard is not expected to be published until the end of 2003, several members of the WI-Fi Alliance teamed up with members of the IEEE 802.11i task group to develop a significant near-term enhancement to Wi-Fi security. Together, this team developed Wi-Fi Protected Access.

To upgrade a WLAN network to support WPA, Access Points will require a WPA software upgrade. Clients will require a software upgrade for the network interface card, and possibly a software update for the operating system. For enterprise networks, an authentication server, typically one that supports RADIUS and the selected EAP authentication protocol, will be added to the network.

4.16 What is WPA2?

It is the second generation of WPA. WPA2 is based on the final IEEE 802.11i amendment to the 802.11 standard.

4.17 What is 802.1x Authentication?

802.1x is a framework for authenticated MAC-level access control, defines Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP) over LANs (WAPOL). The standard encapsulates and leverages much of EAP, which was defined for dial-up authentication with Point-to-Point Protocol in RFC 2284.

Beyond encapsulating EAP packets, the 802.1x standard also defines EAPOL messages that convey the shared key information critical for wireless security.

4.18 What is Temporal Key Integrity Protocol (TKIP)?

The Temporal Key Integrity Protocol, pronounced tee-kip, is part of the IEEE 802.11i encryption standard for wireless LANs. TKIP is the next generation of WEP, the Wired Equivalency Protocol, which is used to secure 802.11 wireless LANs. TKIP provides per-packet key mixing, a message integrity check and a re-keying mechanism, thus fixing the flaws of WEP.

4.19 What is Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)?

Security issues are a major concern for wireless LANs, AES is the U.S. government's next-generation cryptography algorithm, which will replace DES and 3DES.

4.20 What is Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP)?

The IEEE 802.11f Inter-Access Point Protocol (IAPP) supports Access Point Vendor interoperability, enabling roaming of 802.11 Stations within IP subnet.

IAPP defines messages and data to be exchanged between Access Points and between the IAPP and high layer management entities to support roaming. The IAPP protocol uses TCP for inter-Access Point communication and UDP for RADIUS request/response exchanges. It also uses Layer 2 frames to update the forwarding tables of Layer 2 devices.

4.21 What is Wireless Distribution System (WDS)?

The Wireless Distribution System feature allows WLAN AP to talk directly to other APs via wireless channel, like the wireless bridge or repeater service.

4.22 What is Clone MAC Address?

Clone MAC address is designed for your special application that request the clients to register to a server machine with one identified MAC address.

Since that all the clients will communicate outside world through the WLAN Access Point, so have the cloned MAC address set on the WLAN Access Point will solve the issue.